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SUMMARY: MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, THIRTEEN MEMBER STATES HAD SUBMITTED COMMENTS TO SECRETARIAT ON U.S. DRAFT CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTS. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH SOME LOCAL MISSIONS, AGENCY HAS DECIDED MAKE CONFERENCE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR TWO WEEK MEETING AND IN PREPARATION FOR IT HAS PREPARED DRAFT AGENDA AND RULES OF PROCEDURE. END SUMMARY

1. COMMENTS ON U.S. DRAFT TEXT - AT INFORMAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1
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OF REPS OF EIGHT DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING MEMBER STATES, CALLED BY LEGAL DIVISION DIRECTOR EDWARDS, MISSION LEARNED THAT AS OF THAT DATE, AGENCY HAD RECEIVED COMMENTS ON U.S. DRAFT FROM THIRTEEN MEMBER STATES, NOT INCLUDING JAPAN WHICH THUS FAR HAS DIRECTED ITS OBERVATIONS ONLY TO U.S. (REF B): AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, FINLAND, INDIA, IRAN, IRELAND, ITALY, POLAND, ROK, SOURTH AFRICA, SWITZERLAND AND TURKEY. AGENCY

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PLANS TO CIRCULATE COMMENTS TO MEMBER STATES SEPTEMBER 14 AND TO USE THEM AND OTHERS WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED SUBSEQUENTLY AS BASIS OF A WORKING PAPER FOR MEETING WHICH CONVENES OCTOBER 31.

2. MISSION HAS OBTAINED IN ADVANCE COMMENTS OF EIGHT OF THESE STATES. THREE OF THOSE ARE BRIEF: INDIA NOTES THAT CONVENTION "SEEMS TO GO FAR BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP THAT HAD CONSIDERED THIS MATTER" AND REQUIRES MORE TIME FOR STUDY. IRISH NOTE AMOUNTS TO A "NO COMMENT." BULGARIAN NOTE, WHICH MAY REFLECT SOVIET VIEW AS WELL, STATES "WE ENTIRELY AGREE WITH THE DRAFT CONVENTION AND HAVE NO REMARKS." EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED BY ITALY, SWITZERLAND, IRAN, BELGIUM AND SOUTH AFRICA, WITH ARTICLES 1, 4, 6 AND ANNEX OF DRAFT CONVENTION RECEIVING HEAVIEST ATTENTION. COPIES OF COMMENTS POUCHED ERDA/AMMONS AND BRENNER, NRC/PAGE, OES/ADLER AND ACDA/HOUCK. MISSION ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPIES OF COMMENTS FROM OTHER FIVE STATES. WILL FORWARD WHEN RECEIVED.

3. PROCEDURE FOR OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 11 MEETING: (A) IN CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL REPS, EDWARDS AND STAFF, IN INTERESTS OF EXPEDITING WORK OF THE MEETING, ARE DEVELOPING DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING AS WELL AS PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR OPENING MEETING TO CONSIDER. THESE WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN IN FINAL FORM.
(B) RE RECORD-KEEPING, AGENCY PLANS PROVIDE VERBATIM RECORD OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES, WITH SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ADDRESSING PROVISIONS DRAFT CONVENTION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT OF MEETING AT ITS CONCLUSION.

4. TO DATE, AGENCY HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO REPLIES TO AUGUST 11 ANNOUNCEMENT BY DG OF MEETING BEGINNING OCTOBER 31. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED ASAP OF NAME(S) OF U.S. PARTICIPANT AND OBSERVER(S).LABOWITZ

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